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2. ☒ English abstracts are provided for: all listed Japanese documents.
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Respectfully submitted,

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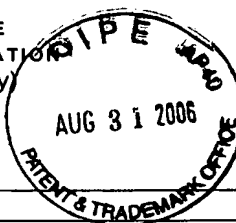
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☒ English translation of International Preliminary Report on Patentability for parent application PCT/JP2004/015485 dated July 20, 2006
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		7,044,592	05/16/2006	Sato et al.		
		2002-180854	12/05/2002	Sato et al.		
		2005-209367	09/22/2005	Sato et al.		
		2003-050364	03/13/2003	Sato et al.		
		2004-141072	07/22/2004	Nilsson et al.		
		2005-212885	09/29/2005	Kawano		

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		2002-292989	10/09/2002	JP		Abstract	
		2003-119342	04/23/2003	JP		Abstract	

OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

Ref. Desig.	Examiner's Initials	
		English translation of International Preliminary Report on Patentability for parent application PCT/JP2004/015485 dated July 20, 2006.
		English Abstract for Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-210940, published July 29, 2004.
		English Abstract for Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-210939, published July 29, 2004.
		English Abstract for Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-210938, published July 29, 2004.
		English Abstract for Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-210937, published July 29, 2004.
		English Abstract for Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-210864, published July 29, 2004.
		English Abstract for Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-204112, published July 22, 2004.
		English Abstract for Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-203968, published July 22, 2004.
		English Abstract for Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-249716, published September 9, 2004.
		English Abstract for Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-343685, published January 15, 2004.
		English Abstract for Japanese Patent Publication No. 2004-115717, published April 15, 2004
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